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SUBJ: CCINC - NARCOTICS IN NEPAL

1. IN NOVEMBER 1975 DEA REPRESENTATIVES AND EMBASSY NARCOTIC CONTROL COMMITTEE DISCUSSED MORE EFFICACIOUS MEANS TO REDUCE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS FROM NEPAL TO THE UNITED STATES. ALTHOUGH THESE DRUGS ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY CONFINED TO CANNABIS PRODUCTS (HASHISH AND HASHISH OIL), THERE IS CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE THAT NEPAL HAS POTENTIAL TO BE MAJOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY OF HASHISH TO US AND WESTERN EUROPE.

2. EMBASSY AND DEA AGREED THAT GIVEN LOW LEVEL OF EXPORTS FROM NEPAL TO US (WITH EXCEPTION OF BULK SHIPMENTS OF JUTE) IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INSTITUTE SEMI-AUTOMATIC SYSTEM OF SEGREGATING AND INSPECTING GOODS ENTERING US FROM NEPAL IN EFFORT TO INTERCEPT MORE ILLICIT DRUG SHIPMENTS. CURRENT LEGITIMATE EXPORTS ARE LARGELY LIMITED TO BRASS WARES AND HANDICRAFTS AND ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO DEFINITE STATISTICS, WE BELIEVE THAT AIR CARGO FROM NEPAL TO US IS LIMITED TO LESS THAN 1000 KG. PER MONTH. FACT THAT THESE SHIPMENTS ARE DESTINED FOR SMALL NUMBER OF US PORTS, E.G.

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LOS ANGELES, SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK, SHOULD

MAKE TASK EASIER.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEA ANKARA HAS PUT FORWARD THIS SUGGESTION AS PART OF THE US CUSTOMS PROGRAM OF INTENSIFIED INSPECTION PROGRAM. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL AS STRONGLY AS POSSIBLE, SINCE GIVEN LIMITED COOPERATION OF HOST GOVERNMENT TO DATE, IT IS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT THAT ILLEGAL DRUG SHIPMENTS BE STOPPED WHEN ENTERING US. IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A CARGO SEPARATION SYSTEM MAY BE UNFEASIBLE ON AN ACROSS THE BOARD BASIS, IN WHICH CASE WE RECOMMEND THAT AT LEAST ALL AIR CARGO FROM NEPAL SHOULD BE SUSPECT AND SUBJECT TO CLOSE INSPECTION. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON AGENCIES' VIEWS OF FEASIBILITY OF THIS PROPOSAL. CARGO

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